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(Stock Code: 632)

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

A notice convening the annual general meeting of Pearl Oriental Oil Limited to be held at Suite 1908, 19/F, 9 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong on 2 June 2016, at 4:00 p.m. is set out in this circular. A form of proxy for use at the annual general meeting is enclosed. Such form of proxy is also published on the websites of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited (www.hkexnews.hk) and the Company (www.pearloriental.com).

Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting, you are requested to complete and return the enclosed form of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible and in any event not less than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the annual general meeting or any adjournment thereof. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude you from attending and voting at the annual general meeting or any adjourned meeting if you so wish.

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# **DEFINITIONS**

"AGM" the annual general meeting of the Company to be convened on 2

June 2016, at 4:00 p.m. at Suite 1908, 19/F, 9 Queen's Road

Central, Hong Kong

"Associate" has the meaning ascribed to this term under the Listing Rules

"Board" board of Directors

"Bye-laws" the Bye-laws adopted by the Company, and as amended from time

to time by resolution of the Shareholders of the Company

"Chairman" chairman of the Board

"Company" Pearl Oriental Oil Limited, a company incorporated in Bermuda

with limited liability whose shares are listed on the main board of

the Stock Exchange

"Director(s)" director(s) of the Company

"Group" the Company and its subsidiaries

"HK Dollar(s)" or "HK\$" the lawful currency of Hong Kong

"Hong Kong" the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the PRC

"Latest Practicable Date" 25 April 2016, being the latest practicable date prior to the printing

of this circular for the purpose of ascertaining certain information

contained herein

"Listing Committee" the Listing Committee of the Stock Exchange

"Listing Rules" the Rules Governing the Listing of Securities on the Stock

Exchange

"PRC" the People's Republic of China

"Repurchase Mandate" the proposed repurchase mandate be granted to the Directors to

exercise the power of the Company to repurchase Shares up to a maximum of 10% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution for approving the repurchase

mandate

"SFC" the Securities and Futures Commission

"SFO" the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the Laws of

Hong Kong)

# **DEFINITIONS**

"Share Issue Mandate" the proposed issue mandate to be granted to the Directors to allot,

issue and deal with Shares not exceeding 20% of the issued share capital of the Company as at the date of passing the resolution for

approving the share issue mandate

"Share(s)" ordinary share(s) of HK\$0.10 in the share capital of the Company

"Shareholder(s)" shareholder(s) of the Company

"Stock Exchange" The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited



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Executive Directors:

Wong Yuk Kwan (alias: Wong Kwan)

Wong Hiu Tung

Zhou Li Yang

Independent Non-executive Directors:

Lam Kwan

Chan Kwan Pak

Yuen Sau Ying, Christine

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Bermuda

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business in Hong Kong:

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Hong Kong

29 April 2016

To the Shareholders

Dear Sirs,

# GENERAL MANDATES TO ISSUE AND REPURCHASE SHARES RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this circular is to provide you with information in respect of the ordinary resolutions to be proposed at the AGM for the approval of (a) the Share Issue Mandate; (b) the Repurchase Mandate; (c) the extension of the Share Issue Mandate and (d) the re-elections of Directors. This circular contains the explanatory statement and gives all the information reasonably necessary to enable the Shareholders to make informed decisions on whether to vote for or against the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM.

A notice convening the AGM is set out on pages 11 to 14 to this circular.

## GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to allot, issue and deal with Shares of HK\$0.10 each in the Company with an aggregate nominal value not exceeding 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of

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the Company at the date of the passing of such resolution (i.e. 649,103,950 Shares assuming that no Shares will be issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the date of the AGM). The Share Issue Mandate, if granted, will remain effective until the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held under the Bye-laws or any applicable laws of the Bermuda or the Listing Rules; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

### GENERAL MANDATE TO REPURCHASE SHARES

An ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to grant the Directors a general and unconditional mandate to repurchase Shares subject to the maximum number of Shares of up to 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company at the date of passing of such resolution (i.e. 324,551,975 Shares assuming that no Shares will be issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the date of the AGM). The Repurchase Mandate, if granted, will remain effective until the earliest of (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company; (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required to be held under the Bye-laws or any applicable laws of the Bermuda or the Listing Rules; and (iii) the date upon which such authority is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company.

### EXTENSION OF GENERAL MANDATE TO ISSUE SHARES

Subject to and conditional on the passing of the resolutions to grant the Share Issue Mandate and the Repurchase Mandate, an ordinary resolution will be proposed at the AGM to extend the Share Issue Mandate by the addition to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company which may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to such general mandates of an amount representing the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company repurchased by the Company pursuant to the Repurchase Mandate provided that such extended amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the issued share capital of the Company in issue on the date of passing the resolution for approving the Share Issue Mandate.

An explanatory statement containing all relevant information relating to the proposed Repurchase Mandate is set out in the Appendix to this circular. The information in the explanatory statement is provided to you with information reasonably necessary to enable you to make an informed decision on whether to vote for or against the resolution in relation to the Repurchase Mandate.

### RE-ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

As at the date of this circular, the executive Directors are Messrs. Wong Kwan, Wong Hiu Tung and Zhou Li Yang; and the independent non-executive Directors are Messrs. Lam Kwan, Chan Kwan Pak and Miss Yuen Sau Ying, Christine.

Pursuant to Bye-law 87, at each annual general meeting one-third of the Directors for the time being (or, if their number is not a multiple of three, the number nearest to but not less than one-third) shall retire from office by rotation provided that Directors appointed pursuant to Bye-law 86(2) shall not, be subject to retirement by rotation or be taken into account in determining the number of Directors to retire in each year.

Accordingly, Messrs. Wong Kwan, and Lam Kwan will retire at the AGM, who being eligible, offer themselves for re-election at the forthcoming AGM. All other remaining directors continue in office.

The biographical details of all the retiring Directors are as follows:

Mr. Wong Kwan, aged 68, is currently the Chairman of the Company, Mr. Wong is a well known entrepreneur in Hong Kong. He is a veteran in the capital market, investment and property development fields and has over 30 years of experience in diversified investment, operation and management in Hong Kong, China and overseas. Mr. Wong is also well known in the Asian business world with extensive business connections in the Asia Pacific region. Mr. Wong is responsible for the overall strategic planning and business development of the Company.

**Mr. Lam Kwan**, aged 47, obtained a bachelor degree in Accountancy from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 1991. He is a Certified Public Accountant (Practising) in Hong Kong, a member of the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a fellow member of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong.

Mr. Lam has had more than 18 years' practical accounting and auditing experience. He has worked for KPMG and Ernst and Young, two of the 'Big Four' international CPA firms, for more than 8 years where his principal responsibilities were auditing, taxation and assisting the listing of Hong Kong and China enterprises in Hong Kong and overseas stock exchanges.

Mr. Lam is currently a director of Charles H. C. Cheung & CPA Limited, and also an independent non-executive director of Capital VC Limited, a main board listed company in Hong Kong (stock code: 2324).

### THE AGM AND PROXY ARRANGEMENT

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### VOTING AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Rule 13.39(4) of the Listing Rules, all votes, except where the Chairman, in good faith, decides to allow a resolution which relates purely to a procedural or administrative matter to be voted on by a show of hands, of the Shareholders at general meetings must be taken by poll. To the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the Directors, none of the Shareholders is required to abstain from voting on any of the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM. An announcement on the poll voting results will be published by the Company after the AGM in the manner prescribed under Rule 13.39(5) of the Listing Rules.

### RECOMMENDATION

The Directors believe that the Repurchase Mandate, the Share Issue Mandate and the re-election of Directors are in the interests of the Company and its Shareholders. Accordingly, the Directors recommend the Shareholders to vote in favour of the relevant resolutions at the AGM.

Yours faithfully,
For and on behalf of the Board
Pearl Oriental Oil Limited
Wong Hiu Tung
Executive Director

# RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

This circular, for which the Directors collectively and individually accept full responsibility, includes particulars given in compliance with the Listing Rules for the purpose of giving information with regard to the Company. The Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief the information contained in this circular is accurate and complete in all material respects and not misleading or deceptive, and there are no other matters the omission of which would make any statement herein or this circular misleading.

# **COMPETING INTERESTS**

As at the Latest Practicable Date, none of the Directors, management shareholders or their respective associates had any interest in any business which competes or may compete or had any other conflicts of interests with the business of the Group.

### 1. LISTING RULES RELATING TO THE REPURCHASES OF SECURITIES

The Listing Rules permit companies whose primary listing is on the Stock Exchange to repurchase their fully-paid shares on the Stock Exchange subject to certain restrictions, the important of which are summarized below:

### (a) Shareholders' approval

All proposed purchase of securities on the Stock Exchange by a company with its primary listing on the Stock Exchange must be approved in advance by its shareholders by an ordinary resolution, either by way of a general mandate or by a specific approval of a particular transaction and that the shares to be repurchased must be fully paid up.

### (b) Share capital

Under the Repurchase Mandate, the number of Shares that the Company may repurchase shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of its issued share capital at the date of the passing of the proposed resolution granting the Repurchase Mandate.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, the Company has 3,245,519,752 Shares in issue. Subject to the passing of the proposed resolution for the grant of the Repurchase Mandate and on the basis that no Shares are issued or repurchased by the Company prior to the AGM, the exercise of the Repurchase Mandate in full would result in up to 324,551,975 Shares being repurchased by the Company during the period from the date of passing of the relevant resolution to the next annual general meeting of the Company or the date upon which the Repurchase Mandate is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the Shareholders in a general meeting of the Company, whichever occurs first.

### (c) Reason for repurchase

The Directors believe that it is in the interests of the Company and the Shareholders to have a general authority from the Shareholders to enable the Directors to repurchase securities of the Company on the market. Such repurchases may, depending on market conditions and funding arrangements at the time, lead to an enhancement of the net value of the Company and its assets and/ or its earnings per Share and will only be made when the Directors believe that such repurchases will benefit the Company and the Shareholders.

# (d) Funding of repurchase

The Directors propose that repurchases of Shares under the Repurchase Mandate in these circumstances would be financed from the Company's internal resources or existing banking facilities which will be funds legally available for such purposes in accordance with the Bye-law and the laws of Bermuda. Under Bermuda law, repurchases may only be effected out of the capital paid up on the purchased Shares or out of funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of Shares made for the purpose. Any premium payable on a

purchase over the par value of the Shares to be purchased must be provided for out of funds of the Company otherwise available for dividend or distribution or out of the Company's share premium account before the Shares are repurchased.

As compared with the financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2015 (being date of its latest audited accounts), the Directors consider that there might be a material adverse impact on the working capital or gearing position of the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is to be exercised in full during the proposed repurchase period. However, the Directors do not propose to exercise the Repurchase Mandate to such extent as would, in the circumstances, have a material adverse effect on the working capital or the gearing level (as compared with the position disclosed in its most recent published audited accounts) which in the opinion of the Directors are from time to time appropriate for the Company.

### (e) Undertaking

None of the Directors nor, to the best knowledge of the Directors having made all reasonable enquiries, any of their associates (as defined in the Listing Rules) has any present intention to sell Shares to the Company if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

As at the Latest Practicable Date, no connected person (as defined in the Listing Rules) has notified the Company that he has a present intention to sell Shares to the Company, or has undertaken not to do so, if the Repurchase Mandate is approved by the Shareholders.

### (f) Undertaking by Directors

The Directors have undertaken to the Stock Exchange that they will exercise the Repurchase Mandate in accordance with the Listing Rules and the applicable laws of the Bermuda.

### (g) Takeovers Code

If as a result of a repurchase of Shares a Shareholder's proportionate interest in the voting rights of the repurchasing company increases, such increase will be treated as an acquisition of voting rights for the purpose of the Hong Kong Code on Takeovers and Mergers (the "Takeovers Code"). As a result, a Shareholder or a group of Shareholders acting in concert, depending on the level of increase of the Shareholder's interest, could obtain or consolidate control of the Company and become obliged to make a mandatory offer in accordance with Rule 26 of the Takeover Code.

The Directors are currently not aware of any consequences which will arise under the Takeover Code as a result of any purchase made under the Repurchase Mandate.

# 2. REPURCHASES OF SHARES BY THE COMPANY

No repurchases of Shares have been made by the Company (whether on the Stock Exchange or otherwise) in the six months preceding the Latest Practicable Date.

# 3. SHARE PRICES

During each of the previous twelve months, the highest and lowest prices at which the Shares have been traded on the Stock Exchange were as follows:

Month	Per Share	
		Lowest (HK\$)
April	0.270	0.180
May	0.405	0.212
June	0.740	0.370
July	0.530	0.250
August	0.295	0.225
September	0.285	0.173
October	0.350	0.175
November	0.340	0.275
December	0.435	0.265
2016		
January	0.445	0.280
February	0.360	0.305
March	0.470	0.300
April (up to the Latest Practicable Date)	0.445	0.360

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT** the annual general meeting of Pearl Oriental Oil Limited (the "**Company**") will be held at Suite 1908, 19/F, 9 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on 2 June 2016, at 4:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

### AS ORDINARY BUSINESS

- 1. To receive and consider the audited consolidated financial statements and the reports of the directors and auditors' for the year ended 31 December 2015.
- 2. To re-elect retiring Directors (whose particulars are stated in this circular) and to authorize the board of directors to fix the directors' remuneration.
- 3. To appoint auditors and to authorize the board of directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors.

### AS SPECIAL BUSINESS

4. To consider and if thought fit, pass with or without modifications, the following resolutions as ordinary resolutions of the Company:

# (A) "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (c) below, the exercise by the directors of the Company (the "Directors") during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all the powers of the Company to allot, issue and deal with additional shares in the capital of the Company and to make or grant offers, agreements and options (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) which might require the exercise of such powers be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the approval in paragraph (a) above shall be in addition to any other authorization given to the Directors and shall authorize the Directors during the Relevant Period to make or grant offers, agreements and options which (including warrants, bonds and debentures convertible into shares of the Company) would or might require the exercise of such powers after the end of the Relevant Period;

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- the aggregate nominal amount of share capital allotted or agreed conditionally or (c) unconditionally to be allotted (whether pursuant to an option or otherwise) by the Directors pursuant to the approval in paragraphs (a) and (b), otherwise than pursuant to (i) a Rights Issue (as defined below); (ii) an issue of shares under any options granted under the share option scheme adopted by the Company; (iii) an issue of shares upon the exercise of subscription rights attached to the warrants which might be issued by the Company; (iv) an issue of shares in lieu of the whole or part of a dividend pursuant to any scrip dividend scheme or similar arrangement in accordance with the Bye-laws of the Company; and (v) any adjustment, after the date of grant or issue of any options, rights to subscribe for other securities referred to in (ii) and (iii) above, in the price at which shares in the Company shall be subscribed, and/or in the number of shares in the Company which shall be subscribed, on exercise of relevant rights under such options, warrants or other securities, such adjustment being made in accordance with, or as contemplated by, the terms of such options, rights to subscribe or other securities, shall not exceed 20% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue as at the time of passing this resolution; and
- (d) for the purposes of this Resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-law of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the date of which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting.

"Rights Issue" means an offer of shares or other securities of the Company open for a period fixed by the Directors to holders of shares of the Company or any class thereof on the register on a fixed record date in proportion to their then holdings of such shares or class thereof (subject to such exclusion or other arrangements as the Directors may deem necessary or expedient in relation to fractional entitlements or having regard to any restrictions or obligations under the laws of, or the requirements of any recognized regulatory body or any stock exchange in, any territory outside the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China)."

### (B) "THAT

- (a) subject to paragraph (b) of this Resolution, the exercise by the Directors during the Relevant Period (as defined below) of all powers of the Company to repurchase shares of the Company, subject to and in accordance with all applicable laws and requirements, be and is hereby generally and unconditionally approved;
- (b) the aggregate nominal amount of the shares of the Company which may be purchased pursuant to the approval in paragraph (a) of this Resolution shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company as at the date of passing of this Resolution and the said approval shall be limited accordingly; and
- (c) for the purposes of this resolution:

"Relevant Period" means the period from the passing of this Resolution until whichever is the earlier of:

- (i) the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company;
- (ii) the expiration of the period within which the next annual general meeting of the Company is required by the Bye-laws of the Company or any applicable law to be held; and
- (iii) the date which the authority set out in this Resolution is revoked or varied by an ordinary resolution of the shareholders of the Company in general meeting."
- (C) "THAT conditional upon Resolutions A and B set out above being passed, the aggregate nominal amount of the shares of the Company which are repurchased by the Company under the authority granted to the Directors as mentioned in Resolution B above shall be added to the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company that may be allotted or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be allotted by the Directors pursuant to the Resolution A above provided that such amount shall not exceed 10% of the aggregate nominal amount of the share capital of the Company in issue at the date of passing of this Resolution."

By Order of the Board

Peal Oriental Oil Limited

Wong Hiu Tung

Executive Director

Hong Kong, 29 April 2016

As at the date hereof, the Board comprises three executive Directors, namely Mr. Wong Yuk Kwan (alias: Wong Kwan), Mr. Wong Hiu Tung and Mr. Zhou Li Yang; and three independent non-executive Directors, namely, Mr. Lam Kwan, Mr. Chan Kwan Pak and Ms. Yuen Sau Ying, Christine.

### Notes:

- 1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
- 2. A form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed. To be valid, the form of proxy, together with the notarially certified power of attorney or other authority (if any) under which it is signed must be lodged at the Company's branch share registrar in Hong Kong, Tricor Tengis Limited, at Level 22, Hopewell Centre, 183 Queen's Road East, Hong Kong as soon as possible and in any event, not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for holding of the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
- 3. Where there are joint holders of any share, any one of such holders may vote at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, in respect of such shares as if he were solely entitled to vote, but if more than one of such joint holders be present at the meeting in person or by proxy, the person so present whose name stands first in the register of member of the Company in respect of such share shall alone be entitled to vote in respect of it.
- 4. Completion and return of the form of proxy will not preclude a member from attending the meeting and voting in person at the meeting or any adjourned meeting if he so desires. If a member attends the meeting after having deposited the form of proxy, his form of proxy will be deemed to have been revoked.
- 5. The votes to be taken at the meeting for the resolution will be by way of poll.